

Preliminary Assessment Report

Project 3022652, 911 WESTERN AVE

Assessment Completed: 11/6/2015

Project Description: Renovation and addition to existing five story commercial building

Primary Applicant: [John Thomas](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with DPD. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

DPD Drainage Requirements

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DPD Land Use Requirements

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Seattle Public Utilities Requirements

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Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the DPD Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [DPD](#) and [SDOT](#).
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- Visit our [permit type pages](#) for step-by-step instructions and forms for preparing your application and plans for review.

Requirements

DPD Drainage Requirements

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure

Sanitary sewer main location: Alaskan Way / Madison St

Sanitary sewer main size: 12" Diameter / 36" x 36"

Storm drainage main location: Alaskan Way / Madison St

Storm drainage main size: 48" Diameter / 24" Diameter

Combined sewer main location: Western Ave

Combined sewer main size: 24" Diameter

Drainage

The drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: [Public storm drain system](#).

Permanent and Temporary Dewatering

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge ([DPD DR 4-2011](#)) is located at the following: Public storm drain system.

Side Sewer

For your information:

In serving establishments (i.e restaurants, cafes, lunch counters, cafeterias, bars and clubs, hotels, hospitals, sanitariums, factory or school kitchens, or other establishments where grease is introduced into the drainage or sewage system), there may be additional requirements to control the discharge of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) into the sanitary sewer system.

Please contact: Gary.Christiansen@seattle.gov in SPU's FOG Program to determine pretreatment requirements to protect the municipal sewer system from FOG generated by food preparation and handling.

Any internal plumbing modifications require a plumbing permit from King County Public Health 206-684-5198.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.seattle.gov/util/MyServices/DrainageSewer/FatsOilsGrease/index.htm>

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/foodsafety/FoodBusiness.aspx>

DPD Land Use Code Requirements

Street Requirements

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at DPD permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to DPD permit application intake.

WESTERN AVE

Based on the documents provided, no street improvements are required per SMC 23.53.015 and SMC 23.53.006

MADISON ST

Based on the documents provided, no street improvements are required per SMC 23.53.015 and SMC 23.53.006

MARION ST

Based on the documents provided, no street improvements are required per SMC 23.53.015 and SMC 23.53.006

ALASKAN WAY

Based on the documents provided, no street improvements are required per SMC 23.53.015 and SMC 23.53.006

Land Use

Based on the project scope and/or location of environmentally critical areas on the development site, SEPA may be required. See CAM 208 for more details.

A shoreline substantial development permit is required, unless the project qualifies for a specific exemption from the Shoreline Master Program. See CAM 209 and 209A for more details. Application and decision on the exemption must be made before submission of an application.

The preliminary scope identifies modification or demolition of a designated historic landmark and/or is located in a landmark district. Application for a certificate of approval from the Department of Neighborhoods is required before submittal of an application. See CAM 3000 for more details.

Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all required documents at the intake appointment.** If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the DPD Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

Note: Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by DPD within 24 months of the above inspection date. After 24 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

The site plan did not include the following existing or proposed elements:

1) Existing contours @ 2'-0 intervals and/or spot elevations that indicate site topography. 2) All existing trees (see note below).

ECA Mapping Unit and Type

This project site appears to include the following ECAs and/or buffers:

Liquefaction

Flood prone

Earth Disturbance

If excavation has the potential to encroach on adjacent property in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide documentation of consent from the adjacent property owner. Show area of proposed encroachment on the submitted drawings and detailed cross-sections.

If temporary cuts greater than 1h:1v will be required in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide a geotechnical engineer's verification that soil conditions allow cuts to stand unsupported. Include detailed cross sections.

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height.

If shoring will be required, please provide submittals by geotechnical and structural engineers and show the proposed system on the submitted drawings. Include detailed cross sections.

Existing ROW Conditions

WESTERN AVE

Street conditions:

Asphalt paving

Visible pavement width is: 44 LF

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 6 inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way. Inlet @ SW quad of Western Ave & Madison St.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

MADISON ST

Street conditions:

Asphalt paving

Visible pavement width is: 40 LF

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 9 inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way. Inlet adjacent to SW corner of building.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

MARION ST

Street conditions:

Asphalt paving

Visible pavement width is: 40 LF

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 6 inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way. Inlet adjaace to NW corner of building.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

ALASKAN WAY

Street conditions:

Asphalt paving

Visible pavement width is: 42 LF

Curb conditions:

No curb adjacent to site

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way. Two inlets, one at each end of block.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property

No parks property in vicinity

Tree Protection

Trees greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground are present on the site but not shown on the site plan. Show the dripline of

- 1) **all** trees on the site,
- 2) adjacent trees that encroach on the site that are greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground, and
- 3) **all** trees located in the adjacent ROW.

Include common and scientific names for all trees shown. For more information, see [Director's Rule 16-2008](#) and [Tip 242](#).

Construction Stormwater Control

All projects with earth disturbance, regardless of size, require temporary and permanent stormwater control in accordance with the Construction Stormwater Control (CSC) Technical Requirements Manual ([DR 16-2009, Volume 2](#)).

Show the following on the [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#):

Place compost socks, compost berms, filter fabric fencing, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved perimeter control BMPs to eliminate construction stormwater runoff.

Cover bare soil with compost blankets, straw, mulch, matting, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

Cover stockpiles and bare slopes with compost blankets, tarps, matting or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

A First Ground Disturbance inspection is required before any ground disturbance related to this permit, including demolition, tree cutting, clearing, grubbing, and grading. After your permit is issued, schedule an inspection by calling (206) 684-8900 or [online](#) at <http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest/default.aspx>.

Inspectors Notes

Include earthwork calculations with submittal. Indicate total cut quantity and total fill/backfill quantity.

Standard Submittal Requirements for Projects in an ECA

Provide a topographic survey with 2-foot contours on and within 25-feet of the property, stamped by a licensed land surveyor (see [25.09.330A](#))

The site is mapped as liquefaction prone. A geotechnical report is required to address liquefaction potential and, if needed, mitigation (see [SMC 25.09.100](#)).

Site is located within the 100-year flood hazard area. Refer to [SMC 25.09.120](#) and [SMC 25.06](#) as well as the Floodplain provisions of the Seattle Building Code or Seattle Residential Code for details.

The lowest floor elevation of any structure located in a flood-prone area shall be no less than 2 feet above the 100-year flood elevation.

For projects adjacent to Puget Sound (including those along Elliott Bay, Salmon Bay, and the northern portion of the Duwamish River), FEMA is currently reviewing updated maps of the base flood elevation (BFE) for coastal properties. These draft maps are not yet available on our web site.

Please contact DPD staff for assistance in the determination of the base flood elevation for your property. Joel Lehn at (206) 614-0726 or joel.lehn@seattle.gov

Seattle City Light Requirements

Street/Alley Requirements

WESTERN AVE

Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities. Review City Light Construction Standard 0214.00, Clearances Between SCL Underground Structures and Other Utility Structures in the Public Right-of-Way (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/>). Before digging, contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("one-call") at (800) 424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per state law (RCW 19.122). There are underground high voltage lines and electrical facilities along Western Ave.

MADISON ST

Working Clearance: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment, and materials to maintain a 10-foot clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960 and OSHA 1910.333(c)(3)(i). Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines, notify SCL well in advance to de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This City Light work is done at the project's expense. City Light may not be able to grant customer requests to temporarily relocate or de-energize the distribution system. There are underground electrical lines and facilities along Madison St.

MARION ST

Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities. Review City Light Construction Standard 0214.00, Clearances Between SCL Underground Structures and Other Utility Structures in the Public Right-of-Way (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/>). Before digging, contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("one-call") at (800) 424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per state law (RCW 19.122). There are underground high voltage lines and electrical facilities along Marion St.

ALASKAN WAY

Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities. Review City Light Construction Standard 0214.00, Clearances Between SCL Underground Structures and Other Utility Structures in the Public Right-of-Way (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/>). Before digging, contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("one-call") at (800) 424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per state law (RCW 19.122). There are underground high voltage lines and electrical facilities along Alaskan Way.

Other requirements: There are underground 115kV transmission lines along Alaskan Way. If working within 10 feet of transmission lines, please obtain and follow Seattle City Light Department Typical Instructions for Protection of City Light Underground High Voltage Transmission Lines. Before digging contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("One-Call") at 1-800-424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per State law (RCW 19.122).

Notes to Applicant

Your project is located in a City Light Network area. To ensure that the existing service at the site can provide for the renovations and additions, please provide new electrical load information to City Light. If a new or revised electrical service is needed, the Electrical Service Representative for your area must be contacted several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. Your Electrical Service Representative is: John Harvey, 206-386-4275, john.harvey@seattle.gov. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SCL. Failure to contact SCL early in the permit process could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

SDOT Requirements

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm. Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

SDOT Permitting Information

Initial Review Deposit: To be determined

SDOT Plan Requirements: Plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 1:Over-the-Counter. Obtain from SDOT anytime prior to construction in the right of way.

Street Improvement Requirements

MADISON ST

Tree protection: Removal of trees in the public right-of-way (ROW) is prohibited. Projects must be designed to accommodate existing trees in the ROW. Exceptions to this policy require review and approval by SDOT Urban Forestry. For residential projects, call (206) 684-TREE; for all other projects, call (206) 684-5693. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry immediately if you are proposing to remove street trees. If an exception from street tree removal is not granted, the project will need to be redesigned to preserve street trees.

Discretionary ROW Improvements

Other requirements: Work in this area will require heavy coordination with SDOT's Hub Coordination Group. Project will work with Ken Ewalt (206-684-4995) on construction phase and TCP..

SPU Requirements

Based on the information provided at this time, it appears that no street improvements are required. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SPU should the scope of the project change, or should the applicant become aware of proposed construction in the ROW. Failure to contact SPU at your earliest convenience could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

For all multifamily, commercial, and industrial properties, the requirements for solid waste storage and pickup are outlined in SPU CAM 1301, available on the web at:

http://www.seattle.gov/util/stellent/groups/public/@spu/@csb/documents/webcontent/cos_004542.pdf. For questions about solid waste requirements, contact Liz Kain, (206) 684-4166, Liz.Kain@seattle.gov.

Other Requirements

Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to DPD Tip 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to Tip 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and Tip 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your DPD intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our DPD intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov, or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).